

Timeline of Buildings on Our Campus

1890

Seminary Building

The first building was so named because that reflected the original name of the school – and for several years it was the only building!



1892

President's Residence

When President Bennett Hutchinson arrived as the first president of the new school, there was no place on the campus for him to live. He had a house constructed on the campus at his own expense. His stipulated that when he left the school the trustees would purchase it from him. It was razed in 1952. It was located near College Avenue in front of the present-day library.



1895

Ladies' Hall (Agnes Howard Hall)

Built to house female students, this building has been added to over time, and was renamed in 1920 for Agnes Howard. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.



1902

Conservatory of Music (English Annex)

This building is the oldest academic building still on campus today. Originally housing the Conservatory of Music, the purpose of the building shifted dramatically when the Seminary building was destroyed in 1905 when it was used for offices and classrooms until the Administration Building was built. It served as an infirmary during the Spanish Flu epidemic. Currently it is known as the English Annex.



1905

Seminary Building Fire

The Seminary Building caught fire on February 4, 1905 due to sparks from the heating system. This was a major blow to the young school, but the trustees and administration were determined to rebuild. Many schools had similar tragedies at that time, and many closed.



1906

Administration Building

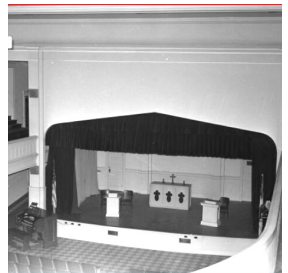
Built on the site of the Seminary Building:
*1906-1908 called the New College Building
*1908-28 was referred to as College Hall
*1929 became The Administration Building
*1953 renamed for two former WWWC board presidents -- Judge Charles Wesley Lynch and John Raine, who guided Wesleyan through the hard years of World War I and the Great Depression.



1906

Atkinson Chapel

The back section of the new administration building was the space for chapel, convocations, graduations, concerts, and all manner of gathering the community. It is now closed for repairs. In 1922 it was named Atkinson Chapel in honor of George W. Atkinson.



1912

Gymnasium

The Gymnasium provided facilities for athletics, physical education, offices, classrooms, and a location for dances and other festive events. The facility also made it possible for WWWC to organize and host the first state high school basketball tournament in 1914 (which continued here until 1938)



1914

Haymond Hall of Science

The sciences, very important to the curriculum from the very start, needed a building with laboratories and facilities dedicated to that discipline. This was the first building to be named for a person, Col. Sydney Haymond, a Trustee from 1906 until his death in 1912.

